

NAGS – 2010

We worked hard again this year digging/pulling/cutting sweet white clover, which has gone crazy at Munson, and we continue working at wild parsnip removal, cutting and treating sumac, and spraying daylilies. We also cut out silver poplars at Greenlee. Burns were held at Munson and Greenlee prairie cemeteries in March. We had a very wet year, but we managed to log 303 volunteer hours worked in 2010.

On March 18 we hosted “A River of Logs: 19th Century Logging and Log Rafting on the Upper Mississippi River,” program by Gayle Rein of Geneseo at the Geneseo Community Center.

This year, Wallace Chase and the NAGS counted/flagged/marked/measured 243 Eastern Prairie White Fringed Orchids at Munson; last year we had 120.

We hosted our annual Bob Rishel Memorial Prairie Walk on June 27 at Munson; Tim Keller from Whiteside County led the walk and there were 28 people present. We presented our \$500 annual scholarship to Natalie Arnold of Hooppole, who also helped us out at Munson several times this summer. This year we changed our annual scholarship name/title to the Clarence and Marie Medley Conservation Scholarship.

On Sunday, July 11, 8 NAGS and 15 scouts and leaders worked with Bennett Johnson on his Eagle Scout project of fixing fences and gates at Munson and Greenlee. Bennett felt that “this service project was not only necessary for the upkeep of the cemeteries but was also educational for the scouts involved to learn about the environment and how to help in its preservation.” Bennett thanked the NAGs for allowing him to work on this project and for the help performed in its completion. Congratulations, Bennett, on your Eagle Scout badge, and thank you for your help!

At our September work night at Munson, we participated in a Monarch butterfly tagging project, tagging 42 butterflies in two hours.

Our annual cookout was enjoyed on October 14 at the home of JoAnne Gernant.

Respectfully submitted,

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